

Roxbury, Dec. 27, 1859.

My dear Wendell:

If you have not yet received a copy of Rogers's group, (as "revised and improved,") I wish you would do so in season to have it at the Park by New Year's day. I have written to R. that you will see him about it.

The group presented to Mr. May delights him greatly, and also his venerable parents, at whose house it is for the present. It is a very fine copy.

It seems to me that Rogers, through some channel or other, ought to advertise the group, with the price, and with the assurance that the likenesses are regarded as very successful. Otherwise, I am afraid (for his sake, of course) that the sale will be very limited, owing solely to a lack of publicity.

If you had as pleasant a Christmas at home as we did, you must have enjoyed yourselves greatly. Harry got up a handsome tree display for the children and grandchildren, to say nothing of the parents and grandparents, after the German style, and it still stands an ornament to the parlor.

Now that my dear friend Mr. McKim is at home, tell him I have not forgotten my indebtedness to him for his last letter. I meant to have answered it long ere this, and will try to do so before many days.

Fanny and her baby boy are doing finely. Your mother is in comfortable health, but prevented from taking any outdoor exercise in consequence of such protracted unpleasant weather. It is about six years, to a day, since she had her paralytic stroke. She has borne it with marvellous resignation.

The death of ex-Secretary E. M. Stanton is to be regretted as a national loss. I believe the nation is more indebted to him for its preservation and the suppression of the rebellion, than even to Mr. Lincoln.

With most affectionate regards to Lucy and her parents, and to George, and kisses for the dear children, I remain,
Your loving father,
W. L. G.

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